



Reference Material for:

Agenda Item 2.1 Strategy for the Assessor's CAMA/Property Tax Objectives

Includes:

- Memorandum Re: PBS Project – Prep for SAC Meeting April 2: Property Based System (PBS) strategic outline



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MEMORANDUM

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PBS Project – Prep for SAC Meeting April 2

1. The Problems
 - a. High Risk factor cited in 2005 Moss Adams report
 - b. Existing coding constraints – limit of five decimal points
 - c. Maintenance and future coding – projected retirement of Cobol-trained coders and lack of new ones.
 - d. Mainframe downtime to sync levy codes and re-run failed batch processing
 - e. Nightly batch processing failures require too much effort to correct
2. The Goals
 - a. More reliable, less expensive, more flexible server platform
 - b. Seamless integration between Assessments and other King County business systems, especially ABT
 - c. Extend operational flexibility, efficiency and effectiveness in the field
 - d. Create a data collection system that is easy to use, more reliable and submitted to the database in real time
 - e. Develop a forward-looking, GPS-enabled system that optimizes the Assessor data collection to create greater “high value” data for the County as well as the private sector
3. The Options Going Forward
 - a. Build a project framework that accomplishes several things:
 - i. Allow restart of the PBS project development
 - ii. Solicit feedback from PBS project team and review, revise and re-circulate new RFP
 - iii. Bring new RFP, with new milestones and budget estimates, to the PRB for conditional sign off

- b. Develop new, “focused” RFP, and solicit proposals around three possible scenarios:
 - i. Complete “plug-n-play” package to replace CAMA and Treasury side while connecting to Oracle Financial
 - ii. A hybrid that interfaces with existing CAMA system and Oracle Financial
 - iii. An in-house built system with outside consulting and/or term limited employees to backfill
 - c. Develop a new budget for the PBS replacement project, as well as GPS-oriented build out, including:
 - i. New estimated budget for PBS replacement
 - 1. Identify key phases and budget deployment
 - ii. Updating and improving existing data collection equipment
 - 1. Newer model Tablet PCs or new iPad with wireless broadband
 - 2. User-friendly dashboard for field data collection including mentor support after training
 - 3. Research & testing of possible deployment alternative data collection devices with wireless broadband.
- 4. PBS Outcomes
 - a. Move Assessments totally off mainframe onto a server based system as soon as practical following ABT completion.
 - b. Reduce risk exposure from mainframe system, including higher legacy costs, risks of downtime, and dwindling number of skilled programmers
 - c. Create a seamless interface between Assessments, Treasury and others
 - d. Establishing the Assessor’s data collection as the information base upon which other resources are added or built
 - e. Establish real time data collection and updating
 - f. Create more efficient, effective, and less costly collection and management of Assessor data